

Preliminary Amendment (Section 1.173B)
Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,312,494
U.S. Appln No. 09/610,476

REMARKS

Applicants for reissue request that claims 1, 5, 8, and 10-14 be amended as directed herein.

Status of Claims: after entry of the amendment, claims 1-14 will be pending in the reissue application.

In claims 1, 5, 8, and 10-14, the term “an R-T-B based,” has been added before each occurrence of the language “rare earth sintered magnet.” In addition, in claims 1, 5, 8, and 12-14 the phrase “substantially Fe” has been amended to read “substantially T”. Together, these amendments correct the definition of “T” that may have been unclear in the claims as written in the original patent.

Support for the term “R-T-B based” is found throughout the specification; for example, at column 1, lines 6-7 and 16, column 2, line 59, and column 4, line 1. Support for “the balance [of the R-T-B based, rare earth sintered magnet] being substantially T”, is found, for example, at column 1, line 17, and column 5, line 20.

With respect to the change to column 3, the fifth paragraph, see column 7, lines 38/39.

A formal amendment is also made to claim 13.

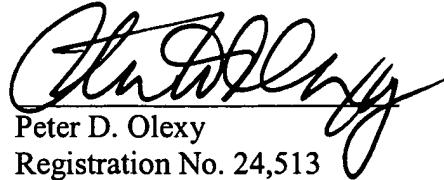
The specification including the Abstract has been amended to be consistent with the herein amended claims.

Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

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Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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